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RAMSGATE MAN'S ORDEAL

A Ramsgate man was among the crew of a British destroyer which was lost during the combined operations in North Africa and after a terrible ordeal is now home on fourteen days' survivor's leave.

He is A/B Denis George Hitch, aged 20 years, of 8 Bloomsbury-road. An old boy of St. Lawrence School, Denis joined the Royal Navy four years ago.

To an Advertiser & Echo reporter he told the story of how, after the torpedoing of the destroyer, he spent over two hours in the water before being picked up by a boat from another British vessel.

"We had escorted the convoy to Algeria," he said, "and the troops were safely landed. During the voyage out we experienced one or two small air attacks and beat off some submarines."

After the landing the destroyer in which A/B Hitch was serving spent six days covering the coast and beat off some more attacks.

The Third Light.

"On the sixth day," he said, "I was standing in the gun turret and, having just taken off my headphones, lit a cigarette. I passed the match round and one of my mates lit the third cigarette from it. It must have been the unlucky action that it is generally supposed to be for immediately afterwards everything seemed to go up in the air. The ship shuddered under the force of a terrific explosion. Torpedoes had been fired at us.

"We rushed on to the deck and went overboard. Fortunately I am a strong swimmer—I have gained a life-saving certificate in the Navy—and I managed to help one or two of my chums to get to a safety float. It was an awful experience swimming through sea thick with oil, and when we got on to the float we could not recognise each other. We were all like black men.

Last Out of the Water.

"The most terrible sensation was when the ship seemed to be drifting towards us and we could feel the suction. Altogether we were in the water two hours 20 minutes and eventually we sighted a ship approaching. At first we thought she was an E-boat but we saw her lower two boats and as they came near there was a shout of 'It is all right, we are coming to your aid.' We answered 'Ahoy' and the boats then came alongside. I was the last one out of the water but I had a life line strung round me, which made it easier for getting aboard the boat

"As we were being picked up the magazines of our ship blew up and we lay to for a little. After a short while we were taken aboard the rescuing destroyer and given a tot of rum and a cigarette each."

A/B Hitch remained in the Mediterranean for a further six days before returning home.

Robbed Pig Bins

RAMSGATE MINER FINED

A miner employed at Chislet Colliery who admitted stealing swill from bins belonging to another man in order to feed his pigs was fined £1 at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Defendant was Joseph Holland, aged 43, of Hereson-road.

He was summoned for stealing and carrying away a quantity of kitchen waste to the value of 2s., the property of Harry Hubbell, on 30th October, and there was a second summons for receiving the waste knowing it to have been stolen.

As Holland pleaded guilty to the first summons the second was not proceeded with.

D/C Foster said he interviewed defendant on 19th November, when he made a statement.

In the statement defendant said Mrs. Turner, his landlady, had four pigs which she kept in the garden at the rear of the house and he had five pigs which were kept in the same sty. When he first got the pigs they were quite small and he had no trouble in feeding them but as they got bigger they wanted more food. It was getting a bit of a handful to get the food or swill and although he went round canvassing at different places he could not get sufficient.

About six weeks previously, defendant continued, he started emptying the swill bins at the corner of Lillian-road, St. George's-road and one by the greyhound track. He did not know who the bins belonged to and only emptied them when really necessary. In October he went to Clarendon House to enquire about buying the swill from the bins as he thought it belonged to the Council. He saw Mr. Brimmell, who told him that it was let out on contract to Mr. Hubbell. Defendant told Mr. Brimmell that he had been emptying the three bins and Mr. Brimmell said that he could put out his own bins if he wished. He then put out three bins himself but could not get any more at the time.

One night in October when he was very short of swill he asked Cyril Turner, his landlady's son, to go round and collect some swill. He told him to collect it from Mr. Hubbell's bins and there wouldn't be any trouble as he had been down to Clarendon House. As he was on the afternoon shift on 30th October he again asked Cyril to collect swill from Mr. Hubbell's bins. Later that day he was told that Cyril had been caught. He realised he was wrong in getting the boy to empty the bins, but he was fighting for time until he could get more bins of his own.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said as a result of the bins being found empty a watch was kept and Mr. Hubbell caught the boy. The unfortunate feature of the case was that the boys had been taking the waste to which they had no right and had been imperilling their future. For that reason he had refrained from bringing the boys before the court for stealing.

As stated, defendant was fined £1.

EARLY MORNING DRIVE

LICENSEE FINED FOR MISUSE OF PETROL

The first prosecution at Ramsgate arising out of the misuse of petrol was heard at the borough police court on Monday.

Reginald Cecil Gardiner, aged 59, licensee of the Sportsman Inn, Sandwich-road, was summoned for contravening the Motor Fuel Rationing (No. 3) Order, 1941, made under the Defence Regulations, by using motor fuel acquired against the surrender of coupons for a purpose other than specified in the application in response to which coupons were issued.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

P/C Ebbsworth said that at 5.20 a.m. on Monday, 16th November, he went to the Sportsman Inn, at the side of which a car was parked. At 5.25 he saw the driver and a man and woman get into the car, which was then driven to the railway station. It stopped at the station for a minute and then returned to the Sportsman. At 5.55 a.m. witness saw defendant and told him he had been seen driving to the railway station.

Asked for his reason for the journey, defendant said Mr. Hayward, a Coast Guard, had asked him to drive him to Ramsgate to catch the 6.10 a.m. train as he wished to go with his wife to see his mother, who was ill, at Purley. Defendant said he did it to oblige Mr. Hayward, who had 48 hours off duty.

Later in the morning, said witness, defendant showed him the conditions on which petrol was issued to him. They were for business purposes—for the collection of food which was not delivered by shops dealt with.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said defendant got no benefit out of the journey. The person concerned should have had more sense than to ask defendant to take him to the station.

Mr. Butler said taxis were supplied with a certain amount of petrol for undertaking such journeys and if everyone who wanted a taxi did the same thing the taxis would go out of business.

Defendant: A taxi would not come out at that time in the morning.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): You got nothing out of it?

Defendant: No. I got out of bed early. That's all.

Defendant was fined £1.

NO APPLICANTS

COUNCIL AND DEPUTY SURVEYOR

Broadstairs Council may lose the services of its Deputy Surveyor (Mr. W. F. J. Nicholson).

At a meeting early in November the Council decided to inform the Ministry of Labour and National Service (Central (Technical and Scientific) Register) that they consented to Mr. Nicholson being considered for work of national importance for which his qualifications made him suitable, without waiting for satisfactory arrangements to be made for his replacement.

At the same time the Council decided to invite applications for a suitable assistant, requesting that they should state the salary required.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee at the end of the month it was reported that no applications had been received for the post and it was decided to ask the department of the Ministry of Labour concerned to submit particulars of any person qualified for appointment to the post.

THANET AFTER THE WAR

A CLAIM ON THE NATION

CAPT. BALFOUR AT MARGATE

The war in all its phases, post-war reconstruction and particularly the problems which will face the hard-hit coastal towns were dealt with by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, when he addressed a public meeting at Dreamland Cinema, Margate, on Sunday.

The meeting was presided over by the Mayor of Margate (Councillor F. J. Cornford).

Capt. Balfour declared that while it was right to look with seriousness on the conflict and not allow optimism to take hold of their senses and prejudice sound judgment, they were nevertheless entitled to look not always at the debit side of the balance sheet, but sometimes at the assets. The first major factor they could look at with some degree of satisfaction was that to-day the enemy were everywhere on the defensive.

Two years ago the enemy were on the offensive in the air; a year and a half ago they were on the offensive in Russia; a few months ago they were on the offensive and had the initiative in Libya; while in the Far East the Japanese were spreading everywhere. In each of those theatres of war the position to-day was far more satisfactory and though much remained to be done, for the battle was nowhere complete, the enemy were on the defensive in each of those areas.

Confidence Shaken.

Undoubtedly he said, the confidence of the Fascist followers of Mussolini and the Nazi followers of Hitler was not what it was. Hitler, in his last speeches, appeared to have become restless and was using such phrases as "I will never give in." It was interesting from a psychological point of view to think that words like defeat and inevitable failure were coming out of him in a defiant way.

"I would only say this," continued Capt. Balfour. "I believe the war will be long. I believe that we have many heavy trials in front of us. We must not get mesmerised by the welcome successes which we have most heartily rejoiced in during the last month or two. We may have other trials ahead and it will not be roses all the way. Nevertheless we can see a glimmer of light against the background which for a long time has been black and dark. Gradually will the horizon become lighter to us until we eventually emerge to victory."

Capt. Balfour said it was possible that some time the enemy might decide to have a crack at England. Therefore those who were engaged on Civil Defence and who had had rather a monotonous time should not think their day of usefulness was over. The moment when things looked easiest might be their time of greatest trial.

Of the war in Russia, he said the defence of Stalingrad was an epic in the history of human conflict. As in the case of Moscow last year, he had declared that the city would not fall.

Brothers in Arms.

"Let us not admit in our minds," he urged, "that the understanding and mutual friendship between those who have played such a tremendous part as brothers in arms against a common enemy in war cannot continue in time of peace." (Applause.)

Commenting that the battle in Libya and North Africa was a great feat of organisation, Capt. Balfour said he had received a number of letters of abuse in the last few months from some of his constituents who had asked "What about the second front? What are you doing? What is the R.A.F. doing, resting or rotting?" He replied politely and then probably turned to papers on his desk concerning plans for the future, the result of which the country had seen. Such operations had to be planned for many months, and could not be talked about or the advantage of surprise would be lost. "There will be other operations in some part of the world at some time unspecified in the future," prophesied Capt. Balfour.

Remarking that when things became easier there would be thoughts of planning for peace, Capt. Balfour said "I am all for planning the peace, provided that planning does not hurt our ability to win the war first and foremost. I believe that in planning the peace the first and major consideration we must bear in mind is to make such a post-war world as will ensure us safety against a repetition for the third time of this terrible conflict, brought about by the German nation and the German leaders. There must be enough force retained in the hands of the good people of the world to make very sure it does not happen again.

Sacrifice for Reconstruction.

Secondly, I think that in post-war planning we must appreciate the world as a whole. One lot cannot live well and another lot live poorly without there being a reaction of one upon the other. I believe the British Commonwealth of Nations can play a tremendous part as a force for good. There is nothing inconsistent in the retention of a free commonwealth of nations with the fulfilment of the terms of world freedom as defined in the Atlantic Charter. I believe that the essential for the preservation of peace and for the development of a post-war world along the lines all good citizens and all sections and parties desire is continued co-operation and friendship and help of the United States. They are fighting with us now and I trust they will continue alongside us in the equally severe struggle which will call for sacrifice in human endeavour, of reconstruction.

"We are not fighting to make democracy safe for bureaucracy," declared Capt. Balfour.

"Locally, I believe we shall need bold measures and expediencies. Bureaucratically run organisations will not help them to find that relaxation. London-directed holidays will never give the satisfaction to people seeking relaxation that that freedom, enterprise and initiative of the citizens of Thanet can give, provided they are working according to a set plan, agreed by their respective local authorities, which will have the support of the burgesses.

"You have been badly burnt by the trials and hardships of war," concluded Capt. Balfour. "I think this corner of England has suffered economically more than any other part of the country. Nevertheless, I am confident that Margate and Thanet will emerge from this struggle undimmed in its determination to recover, with a spirit that has never flagged in the hard times you have had. In our post-war plans the citizens of this town and of the Isle of Thanet must be given the chance which I feel their war-time effort and achievement, and their war-time spirit justifiably entitles them to claim."

Alderman G. P. Hoare proposed a vote of thanks to Capt. Balfour, saying Thanet had a very good friend in its Member of Parliament.

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Mr. Dannatt joined the staff of the school in 1919 after teaching in schools in Essex, Surrey and Devon. A graduate of Durham University, where he gained his M.A. degree, he taught French and for ten years was house-master of Mann's. In his earlier days he was a keen cricket enthusiast.

Coming from a school in Southampton, where he also worked at University College, Mr. Goodyear became a member of Chatham House staff in 1922. As teacher of handicraft—he was a Fellow of the College of Handicraft—he was responsible for the setting up and equipping of the wood-work rooms and metal shop at Chatham House. There work has been done which has aroused wide interest.

Editor of the magazine "Practical Education," Mr. Goodyear was a pioneer of the introduction of book-binding into the handicraft curriculum of schools and what is now accepted as normal was, years ago, strenuously resisted by those in authority.

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NEW VICAR INDUCTED AT MARGATE

The Achbishop of Canterbury (Dr. William Temple) on Saturday instituted the Rev. Kenneth Percival Smith, M.C., M.A., as Vicar of Margate at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist.

The induction ceremony was conducted by the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Clergymen from various parts of Thanet who were present included the Rural Dean (Canon A. W. MacMichael), the Revs. J. B. Cowell (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Margate), A. Mapson (curate, St. John's Church), N. M. Granville Sharp (Vicar of Birchington), C. R. Farnsworth (Vicar of Ramsgate), J. H. Roundhill (Vicar of St. Lawrence) A. H. Culmer (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Ramsgate), P. M. Townend (Vicar of Christ Church, Ramsgate), C. H. Bailey (Rector of Broadstairs) H. C. Henham (Vicar of Monkton), J. V. Markham (curate-in-charge, All Saints', Westbrook), C. A. Peacock (curate-in-chage, St. Saviour's, Westgate), R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge, St. Peter's) and J. D. G. Reeve (Birchington).

The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. F. J. Cornford), the Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) and members of the Corporation were among the congregation.

As part of the ceremonial of institution, the new Vicar tolled the bell of the church six times.

In his address the Archbishop said the Christian life must always be a life of warfare of one kind or another until the end of history but at the back of all outward warfare, if it was to be effective and all their strength given to it, there must be inward peace of mind and heart, which came from single-minded dedication to the service of God.

Healthy Town.—The Medical Officer (Dr. A. M. Watts) has reported to Broadstairs Council that for the quarter ended 30th September the number of cases of notifiable infectious diseases was very low and that the health of the district had been satisfactory. During the period under review four boys and nine girls were born and deaths numbered ten.

TO THE FALLEN

RAMSGATE MEMORIAL SERVICE

When the Civil Defence service was held at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, in November, the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) announced that a special memorial service for those killed in action would take place at the church on the Sunday before Christmas.

The date of the service has now been brought forward and it will be held on Sunday next at 3 p.m.

If relatives will send in the names of those killed to the Vicarage, 1 Grove-road, on or before Saturday, they will be read out by the Vicar at the service.

ST. LAWRENCE CURATE

The Rev. Frank Henry Vernon Fordham, who is at present curate of All Saints', Maidstone, has been appointed assistant curate of St. Lawrence.

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On numerous occasions there have been blank court sheets but it has not been customary at Ramsgate to observe the ancient custom.

Before handing the gloves to the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry), the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said it had not been the practice in the past to present white gloves but in view of the present circumstances he might not perhaps again have such an opportunity owing to possible impending changes.

It was fitting for him to congratulate the Chairman and the court on the occasion and ask the Chairman's acceptance of the gloves to commemorate it. He wished also to pay tribute to the members of the armed forced in their midst on their good behaviour which had largely made possible the opportunity to make the presentation.

Mr. Perry said it was indeed a gratifying fact that the previous Monday there was no need to hold a court. Ramsgate was to be congratulated and he joined the Chief Constable in paying tribute to the armed forces and the civilian population. He would keep the gloves for no other purpose than as a memento of a rather remarkable occasion.

The Children's Christmas.—Subject to the consent of the Minister of Health, Broadstairs Council are to make a contribution of £4 1s. for the Christmas entertainment of children of the town evacuated to Tamworth Staffordshire.

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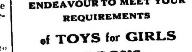

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THE FOOD FRONT

A PRESENT FOR A GOOD HOUSEWIFE

Housewives are getting an unexpected present in their shopping baskets this month. It is the cooking quality dried egg, of which one may buy a share without having the ration book marked. It is sold in addition to the packet egg and is somewhat cheaper and costs 1/- for 4ozs., the equivalent of about 9 eggs. It is splendid for cakes and puddings, and leaves the packet egg entirely free for scrambling and making omelettes.

When a certain quantity has been put aside for the Christmas cake and the pudding, the rest of your share can be used for some of the dishes you have not been able to make lately. Toad-in-the-hole for instance.

Celery and Sausage in Batter.

1 level tablespoonful of dried egg
2 rounded tablespoonsful of flour
½ teaspoonful of salt
½ pint of water, in which the celery was cooked
½ lb. of sausage meat or skinned sausages
A little dripping
½ teaspoonful of baking powder
1 dessertspoonful of household milk powder
1 small head of celery

Make the sausage meat or skinned sausages into cigar-sized rolls. Cut the best part of the celery into 3in. lengths and par-boil it in a little water. Strain off the water and let it get cold. Mix the flour, egg, milk powder and salt together and stir it to a smooth batter with ½ pint of the celery water. Leave it to stand for an hour. Make the dripping sizzling hot in a Yorkshire pudding tin or small baking tin, stir the baking powder into the batter and beat it well, pour half into the hot fat, arrange the sausage and the celery in neat rows, pour in the rest of the batter and put the tin into a brisk oven. Bake for 25-30 minutes.

Fish Cream.

This is a good dish because it makes a little fish go a long way.

3 reconstituted eggs
4 tablespoonsful of boned and skinned fish (a small tin of pink salmon would do excellently)
A small piece of margarine
2 tablespoonsful of milk
Salt and pepper
Mashed potato

Melt the margarine in a small saucepan, add the milk, stir together and season well with salt and pepper. Then add the egg, and as it begins to get creamy, put in the fish. Cook the mixture until it is just light and firm, then pile on neatly shaped portions of well mashed potato.

Extra Special Macaroni Cheese.

½ lb. of cut macaroni
1 breakfastcupful of grated cheese
1 breakfastcupful of cooked diced potato
1 breakfastcupful of milk and water
2 reconstituted eggs
Salt and pepper

Toss the macaroni into boiling salted water and cook for 10 minutes. Drain and put it into a greased piedish with most of the cheese sprinkled among it.

Put the diced potato on the top. Whisk the egg into the milk and water, season with pepper and salt, pour it into the dish, cover with the rest of the cheese and bake in a moderate oven until the custard is set.

TROOPERS AT WEST CLIFF THEATRE

The Mayor of Ramsgate's Troopers Concert Party, who have already given over two hundred shows to the forces, will make a welcome appearance at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, 16th December.

Beginning at 7.30 p.m., the varied programme will include surprise guest artistes. The show has been arranged by E.N.S.A.

Prices of admission will be 2s. and 1s. (reserved) and 6d. (unreserved), and tickets are obtainable at the West Cliff Theatre or from the Mayor's Secretary, Clarendon House.

POLICE BEAT ARTILLERY

Ramsgate Borough Police defeated a Royal Artillery team by 68 points (248-180) in a shooting match last week. The individual scores were:

Ramsgate Borough Police—S/C Fearn 15 and 17, P/C Shanahan 20 and 15, D/C Oram 15 and 17, P/C Housden 15 and 20, W/R Scott 15 and 16, T/C/I Hicks 15 and 18, S/C Luckett 0 and 17, T/P/S Jenner 15 and 18.

Royal Artillery—B/S/M Scott 10 and 13, Gnr. Lever 10 and 20, Engr. Lever 10 and 2, Bdr. Murray 0 and 8, L/Bdr. Kitwood 0 and 14, Bdr. Lazarus 15 and 14, L/Bdr. Greensmith 15 and 15, Sgt. Duckworth 10 and 19.

CHILDREN NEED PROTECTIVE NOURISHMENT

The duty of every mother is to safeguard her children against the dangers of colds, coughs and other winter ailments; it is a duty which must not be shirked, though many may not know what steps to take to bring about the desired end. The proper fulfilment of this duty is an easy and pleasant one—easy for the mother and pleasant for the children.

It is an easy duty, because all that is necessary is to see that the children are given protective nourishment so that their natural powers of resistance are fortified. At the same time, the protective nourishment recommended helps a great deal to restore normal weight in the case of those children who are underweight, while it builds up strength and helps considerably to ensure strong, progressive development. The protective nourishment in question is that grand concentrated vitamin food—Vimaltol—and its regular daily use is advised because most meals may be deficient in vitamins.

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THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

THE HAT

BY

PAT LENNARD

I suppose no one would like a new hat, would they? It's practically new and original: some might call it weird but on the other hand, some might not. Yes, there is an explanation. It came about like this.

Five of us were sitting round the fire in the lounge, some talking, some knitting, some reading. Penny and I were going to London for the week-end, the day after to-morrow, and as usual, I wanted to "feature" something new, up to the minute, amongst the severely-strained resources of my wardrobe. But after paying for my ticket and making incidental purchases, I had very little cash to spare for the fashionable something guaranteed to make the family admire, and the One and Only proud to be my escort. (Although goodness knows, my family are more often than not provoked to mirth rather than admiration, and the O. and O. has a disconcerting habit of telling me his frank opinion at a range of half a yard. However . . .)

That was why, frantically turning the leaves of all the fashion journals, I had paused at the striking affair on page 9 of "Mode." It was a photograph of Mdme. de la Porte Monnaie, wearing "the latest fascinating creation of that clever designer, Ffreuli." All one could see of madame was a pale shadowy profile, and her mouth, but the hat—O my stars, the hat! I devoured the quoit-like circlet of black wool, balanced on the red silken snood, the enormous red feather swooping out of the centre.

How I longed for the madly gallant little hat, how dashing it would look with my black jacket and skirt. . . . "O gosh, O gosh," I repeated again and again over the page, till Marjorie seized the book and they gave it their attention.

Penny, though taken aback, was fervently loyal. "Well," she declared, "if anyone here could wear a hat like that, it's Nicky!" "Hm," said Marjorie dryly, "I'll grant you no one else has that peculiar kind of face they use for models." "It's crazy," was Prissie's sole remark, accompanied by derisive grunts. Ruth, as usual, gushed till the acid fairly bubbled. "Why, Nicky, my sweet, it's **new**, it's **marvellous**: I can just see you in that hat, with that feather . . . mmm . . . **do** be careful you don't stand next to any short men . . ." And so I just gave them up and depended on the wholehearted support of the family and the O. and O.

Work next day was a tiresome affair, but at last I was free. I pelted along the High Street and bought thick hanks of chenille and a skein of red silk glistening with fiery promise in every silken fibre. And it was the work of a minute to go into a milliner's on my way back home and come out clasping a long bronze-red feather that triumphantly heralded my progress long before I arrived.

That evening, facetious comment ran riot by the fire.

"You'll never finish it in time to catch the 9.20 to-morrow morning," said Penny anxiously.

"Don't worry, child. If necessary, I'll finish this creation of mine in the train and try it on for alterations in the corridor," I replied stoutly, crocheting the mesh of the snood.

"Rather alarming for the rest of the passengers," mildly observed Marjorie. "The two of you playing cat's cradle within and without."

A pause; then a softly deprecating cough from Ruth. "Nicky, my sweet, please don't let me discourage you, but do try and avoid the barmaid effect it might have on your face."

"You don't, I shall," I gritted, and started drawing up the mesh. The snood at least was finished.

As Penny and I lay in bed that night, we planned our journey; we were originally taking two cases with us, but now there was one precious addition—Penny's knitting bag filled with chenille, snood, feather (a horrible moment when it got caught in the zip fastener), knitting needles, hooks, silks, scissors, and—an old pink vest which would figure prominently later on. By the time our list was word-perfect, we must have fallen asleep, because I remember nothing more till our alarm clock shrilled.

In the Train.

An hour of snatched breakfast, last-minute leave-taking, unpacking of cases to put in forgotten garments, trekking to the station, and then, the hunt for an empty compartment. It was well-nigh impossible, but at last we thought we saw one, and wrenching at the handle, practically fell into the lap (query: do men have laps?) of a choleric Blimp-like personage sitting in the corner.

It was too late to try and find another compartment, so, uttering profuse apologies, we put our cases on the shelves and settled down in the opposite corner with our bag of tricks between us. It was after the train had started that our compartment received another addition; two women paused outside in the corridor and before Penny or I had the presence of mind to put on expressions of revolting imbecility, they stepped in and closed the door with a screech.

Somehow, they did not look the type who would encourage the wearing of black quoits and red feather, and as I took in their sensible velour hats, enormous morocco bags and low-heeled shoes, with several straps across the instep, I glanced at Penny.

She looked so apprehensive that I could not help a little chuckle, and that made the Blimp snort alarmingly. (I believe he was an admiral. I told Penny to look out for naughty nautical remarks, afterwards, but she is a very good girl and pretends that she is not there when people lose their tempers.)

After a few vague passes in the air, intended to allay suspicion, I opened the case and got to work. I was soon clicking away contentedly in my corner, calculating how many square inches of quoit I should have to knit to the hour, whilst Penny had stealthily withdrawn the snood and was threading elastic thread round the border. Apart from a shudder when the flaming meshes came to light, no one seemed to take undue notice, and I was already in London wearing my hat when I came down to earth and became aware of Penny's whisper.

"Nicky, come outside. I want to see if the elastic is tight enough."

I laid down the limp snake of knitting and edged out into the corridor (that wretched squeaky door!) and then swaying with the train, Penny fitted the snood on my head.

It fitted very well, I thought, but just to make sure, I stepped back a few paces and gazed at my reflection in the glass windows of our compartment. It was only after five seconds of concentration on my part that I realised the two ladies were backing nervously away from, presumably, the grimaces of a maniac peering through the window. I hastily pulled off the net and, propelling Penny before me, entered our compartment again, a diffident procession of two.

Industriously, we picked up our work, and for the next hour or so all was quiet in the little hive: I turning out my square inch quota, Penny cutting up her old pink vest into microscopic pieces for quoit stuffing, the Blimp grunting at poor Penny, and the two ladies alternately looking at us and then the skyline, as if we were too much for them. A minor crisis arrived when we stuffed the quoit, but by dint of pushing at one end with a knitting needle and kneading the mass evenly along with an air of it being an everyday occurrence, we survived the ordeal, and I was just sewing up the circlet when the inspector strode along intoning "London, ten minutes."

The Arrival.

Then came Penny's husky whisper. "Nicky, if you're going to get the angle right, I'd better sew the black part to the red whilst you're wearing it . . ." Once again, we made our way out self-consciously into the corridor, where Penny proceeded to stick pins in my scalp.

"Oh, dear, I've forgotten the scissors," she exclaimed suddenly.

"The scissors," I repeated.

"Excuse me" (this to the petrified inspector), and I dashed in and out of our compartment.

"Oh, Nicky, the feather," said Penny, in a conscience-stricken voice. "The feather," quoth I, and turned back again. "Excuse me," this time to the Blimp, who was hrrmph-ing to himself as he brought down an avalanche of cases for the other two ladies. Five more minutes in which to prepare for the part of How to Step Off a Train . . . whilst Penny stitched away at my head, I was brushing stray bits of wool from us both, powdering my nose, pulling at stocking seams; all the time, the passengers were peering over each other's heads, within a two-yard radius, and though some obviously wanted to pass us, none seemed to have the courage.

As the platform drew alongside, I straightened up and ran a finger along the twelve-inch feather: ecstasy! The train stopped, I waited till most people had left, then stood poised at the door with my cases beside me.

I scanned the platform with a faintly bored and indifferent air. Quiet elegance (very quiet) exuded from my figure to the equally indifferent crowd. I turned my head, and a gasp (very loud) went up from humanity. But then I saw my mother, and the One and Only, and letting glamour go hang, I rushed up to them and hugged and was hugged in return.

"But, Nicky, dear, what **have** you got on your head?" said mother, in a puzzled voice, as we happily walked along the platform.

"Oh," warily, "a new hat—I made it—like it?"

"I don't think I do," she replied slowly, thoughtfully, and with conviction. "It looks like those funny things that dangle on billiards tables . . ."

I went on walking in silence, then looked up hopefully at the One and Only.

"And you?" He was looking round worriedly.

"I don't know, but—is my tie crooked or what?—people seem to be staring at something—Oh, that hat?—reminded me of a doughnut caught in a butterfly net the moment I saw it."

So that is why there is quite a nice hat upstairs if anyone would like it. Of course, it is rather novel, but against that, it's warm and almost new—and, anyway, **some** people must like originality, mustn't they?

The End

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WAR-TIME SCOUTING

Winter Camping.—For over 15's only it is proposed to hold two week-end training camps for War Service Scouts at Tovil, Maidstone, on 23rd-24th and 30th-31st January, 1943. In the event of very rough weather, accommodation will be under cover in the Headquarters Hut. Tentage and messing equipment will be provided. Notice of kit required and rations to be taken will be sent by Mr. T. G. Bincham, A.C.C., to those sending in their names, which must reach him during the first week in January, stating which week-end they hope to attend, together with address and date of birth.

The Tovil ground is very well equipped, and the week-ends should be as good as the East Kent one held in September at Eastry.

Badge Examiners.—The following additional appointments are made for the proficiency badges:

Entertainer—Mr. R. H. Fagg, Rossington, Dane-crescent, Ramsgate;

1st Class Tests—The District Commissioner is examining all Scouts for the Pioneering, Mapping and Journey tests.

While on the subject of badges, it is as well to remind you that a number of badges require a definite time period for certain or all of the tests. With the close of a year near at hand, it is a good plan to make a start now on those you are going to tackle. I think the following list covers most of those with a time requirement:

Back woodsman, bird warden, camper, cyclist, farmer, journalist, naturalist, rabbit-keeper, reader, weatherman, world friendship.

In addition, two of the new air badges—air navigator and air spotter—also have the same requirement. It is worth while mentioning that you need not be an Air Scout to enter for any of the Air Scout badges, any more than you need to be a Sea Scout to go in for your rescuer's badge.

Minster Group.—Minster, for its size, had a strong body of Scouters attached to the troop and pack, but all being of military age, meetings for some time had to be suspended when the call-up came. Now, thanks to Mrs. Medgett, both the Scouts and Cubs are meeting again every Saturday. Like most Scouters' wives, Mrs. Medgett knows not a little about the running of group affairs, and whoever is lucky enough to come home on leave first of the old Minster Scouters will certainly feel jolly pleased to be able to look in at a troop or pack meeting again and see some of the happy faces waiting to greet him in the right place—the Scout H.Q.

Local Marathon.

The Marathon.—I know many of you have been greatly disappointed because, through the war, the county marathon had to be dropped. All being well, however, I hope to run a local event on marathon lines during the early summer to coincide with the usual date, about the beginning of June. So that you may have reasonable time to put in a little training, I can now give you the preliminary details.

Teams will consist of two Scouts from the same troop, and the journey will be one of 20-25 miles.

A 10-page report will be expected from each team, covering the whole journey, together with a rough sketch map of the route travelled. You will be able to choose your own route, avoiding main roads and air objectives. You will start as soon after 2 p.m. on the Saturday as work allows and finish in Ramsgate at about 5 p.m. on the Sunday.

For shelter on Saturday night you will either make your own bivouac on a site you have obtained permission to use, or seek accommodation in a farm outhouse. This will obviate the tent difficulty. Your camp site must be at least eight miles from Ramsgate. No two teams may camp in or near the same spot. This should give you practically as good a test as you get on the actual county marathon, yet meet all war-time conditions and in reasonably safe travelling.

The above is the rough outline, but there is nothing quite final, so that if you can suggest anything to better the scheme send it along to me right away, because I want you to make it really your own competition. I am optimistic enough to hope that in 1944 you will again have a county marathon, meanwhile that should be a good substitute.

During the last war I first met Mr. G. A. Waterfall, then a signalman in H.M.S. Marshal Ney, and for a time he helped to keep the 1st Ramsgate going when Mr. English, its Scouter, was overseas in the R.F.C. He has always kept a warm spot for Ramsgate and local Scouting in his heart and was here on holiday only just before the war and said Ramsgate will be his first victory holiday. He writes this week to say he is resigning his post as resident master at Lucton School, Leominster, to join the permanent staff at Uttoxeter Grammar School in January, and has already learned from his new head that some Ramsgate people and part of Chatham House School are at Uttoxeter. With Ramsgate boys in two wars!

Christmas will be here in about a fortnight now, so don't forget some special Christmas Good Turn; it is needed more now even than in peace-time, and lest we forget, another in your own home, especially for your mother.

I close this last Scout Column of 1942 with my own best wishes for a happy Christmas to all Scouts, Cubs and Rovers here in Ramsgate and district, and to those still evacuated; to all old Scouts serving with the forces good luck and victory in 1943.

C.F.W.

TALENT FINAL

ODEON COMPETITION WINNERS

The services' night at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday, was especially attractive for a large audience heard—and judged—the finals of the talent contest.

Five competitors, including one girl, appeared on the stage, and with one exception they were all vocalists. When members of each of the three services were asked afterwards to judge the popularity of the artistes they chose, as winner, Gnr. D. O'Keefe, a laddie from Lancashire, who filled the cinema with his powerful voice in the singing of "Tell me to-night" and a stirring martial number.

Ldg. Acm. Jack Holdom, of Vancouver, who is serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force, ran him a very close second and sang in a soft, well-carrying voice "All joy be thine" and "When Irish eyes are smiling." Miss Gladys Epps, of Margate, secured third place with two new favourites, "White Christmas" and "One more kiss."

Mr. A. T. Burley's pianoforte numbers, "Rhapsody in blue" and "Trees," were well appreciated and he was unlucky not to get a "place," but Mr. Leslie Brand was even more unfortunate. In the qualifying round he was an easy winner and was regarded as one of the favourites for the final. Last week he was indisposed and was advised not to appear. He did so, however, and while singing "Because," suddenly collapsed beside the microphone. Mr. Brand was assisted off the stage but fortunately he quickly recovered and received a hearty handclap when he took his bow with the other artistes after the contest.

Members of the forces will be seen on the stage on Friday in a special guest artistes' programme.

RAMSGATE'S £20,000 WEEK

Ramsgate's national savings for the week ended 28th November reached the outstanding total of £19,635.

The amount was made up of deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £15,269, 3 per cent. savings bonds £2,400, defence bonds £1,020, and savings certificates £946.

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KENT BOROUGHS MEET

OPPOSITION TO POLICE AMALGAMATION

Representatives of the Kent boroughs affected by the proposal of the Home Secretary to amalgamate all the police forces in Kent met in London on Friday to discuss the position in conjunction with the Association of Municipal Corporations.

Opposition to the proposal is strong and the boroughs will have an opportunity of stating their views at a conference to be held at the Home Office on 18th December.

Ramsgate's representatives at Friday's meeting were the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and Councillors the Rev. Harcourt Samuel and A. R. Young, together with the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis). Margate was represented by the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford), Alderman W. C. Redman and the Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove).

The proposed amalgamation was considered at a meeting of Ramsgate Council in committee last week.

The report of the meeting stated: "In accordance with the undertaking which he gave in Parliament, a draft Order providing for the amalgamation of these police forces is submitted by the Secretary of State, who intimates that before coming to any final decision on the scheme embodied in the draft Order he would be glad to consider any views which the Council may wish to express. In order that the views of the police authorities concerned may be fully submitted to the Home Secretary, a conference will be held at the Home Office at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, the 18th December, to which the Council are invited to send not more than three representatives and the Town Clerk, if they wish to do so.

"Having heard the report now made by the Town Clerk, including a summary of the Parliamentary debate on the 14th October, 1942, the Council in committee see no reason to depart from the views expressed in the joint report made by the Watch Committee and the Civil Defence Committee on the 30th July last, particularly in regard to the dislocation in the Civil Defence organisation which would be caused by the amalgamation of the Ramsgate Police Force with the county force and they feel that every effort should be made to retain a separate police force for the borough of Ramsgate."

The Council in committee recommended that the Mayor and Councillors Harcourt Samuel and Young, together with the Town Clerk, be appointed to attend the conference at the Home Office and to take all measures which they considered necessary to give effect to the views of the Council.

The recommendation was confirmed by open Council on Thursday.

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RAMSGATE MAN'S ORDEAL

The hardships and perils which our merchant seamen undergo are vividly illustrated by the story of a Ramsgate man who has returned to this country after being torpedoed in heavy seas.

Mr. Jack Webber, whose late mother held the license of the Derby Arms, visited Ramsgate for the day on Tuesday and to an ADVERTISER & ECHO representative told the graphic story of the torpedoing of the merchant vessel in which he was serving and of the awful ordeal he experienced before being picked up by a destroyer.

A leading hand on the ship, he was sitting in his quarters reading one morning when suddenly he heard a terrific crash. To his mate he said "Come on, we've struck something. I think we had better get up on deck."

Returned for Life Jacket.

"We went up to the well deck," said Mr. Webber, "and there I found bits and pieces of the hatch covers blown about the deck. We scrambled up to the boat deck and I then realised that I hadn't got my life jacket on. I had to go down to my 'office' on the main deck, picked up my life jacket and left my 'goods and chattels' behind. On my way back to the well deck I ran into another fellow who was struggling to get a door open in order to get his life jacket and, when we had managed to push the door open between us we returned to the rest of the boat's company."

Mr. Webber then managed to get into a boat which was lowered down the side.

"Great seas were running and we were soon awash," he said. "My best chance seemed to be to get on a raft which was drifting nearby and I dived into the water to reach it. Several times I tried and the waves washed me away from the raft but eventually I managed to get on to it. I was on the raft by myself, tossing about in an angry sea, and presently the boat which I had originally boarded came alongside. Seven or eight men were aboard, including an officer, and I thought I would try to get back on to her again. This I succeeded in doing but we all had a terrible time and four times I was washed overboard.

Three Days in Hammock.

"I cannot tell you how glad I was when we reached the destroyer which rescued us, for we were all thoroughly exhausted. A lifebelt was thrown on a line from the destroyer's deck to the boat and I was hauled aboard. There I remained for three days in a hammock, feeling like nothing on earth, but on the third day I came up on deck and enquired if there were any Ramsgate fellows aboard. To my surprise I discovered Wireless-Operator Edward Birch, who lives at 5 Vale-road and of course we had a long talk about the old town."

Mr. Webber was full of praise for the British Seamens' Society, which looked after the survivors when they returned to a northern port. When he landed he was wearing only blue trousers, a patrol jacket and a pair of plimsols, but the society issued new clothes to the men and entertained them at their headquarters.

On Tuesday Jack called in at the Freemasons' Tavern, Ramsgate, and had the good fortune to meet Mr. J. Birch, whom he thanked for the part his son played in the rescue.

O.R. AGAIN HONOURED

WORK AGAINST SUBMARINES

Second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Philpott, of Bournemouth and formerly of Broadstairs, Lt.-Cdr. L. B. Philpott, D.S.C., R.N.R., has recently been mentioned in despatches in connection with work against submarines, and has also been awarded the Reserve Officers' Decoration.

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Lt.-Cdr. Philpott was the first Old Ruymian to be decorated in this war, being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in July, 1940, for courage and resource in the capture of enemy ships.

Lt.-Cdr. Philpott's younger brother, L/Cpl. L. R. Philpott, of the 8th Hussars, was captured in Libya in May and news has been received from him from the Italian prison camp P.G.73.

An elder brother, Mr. L. C. Philpott, is a master at Chatham House School, evacuated to Stafford.

Hit-and-Run Raids

HOW COAST TOWNS SUFFERED

A vivid picture of the Battle of Britain in text and photos is presented in "Front Line," an official story of the blitz up to November, 1941, which has been prepared by the Ministry of Home Security.

Prominent space is naturally given in its pages to the experiences of Kent and other home counties and a list of casualties in seaside towns discloses that in Ramsgate in that period there were 71 deaths and in Margate 19. The former town was raided 41 times and Margate 47.

After chapters relating to the bombing of London and other cities, "Front Line" goes on to describe the seaside "tip-and-run" raids.

Bombed All the Time.

"Many of the coastal towns," it says, "were—and are—bombed all the time. For this there are a number of reasons, some operating at one period, some at another. To begin with, a knowledge of the coast and what is happening there is important to the enemy on several grounds; so that he reconnoitred it continually. Reconnaissance planes carry bombs. Secondly, minelaying is a dull and boring job, and the German crews carried a bomb or two for launching as a treat, or to relieve their feelings. The coastal towns were—and are—the victims. Thirdly, planes on the hunt for shipping treated the smaller seaside towns as alternative targets. Lastly, not all these places were heavily defended; any irresolute crew could bomb them in comparative safety and then go home to report fierce fires and great explosions . . .

"To be subjected to a series of tip-and-run raids is more than a test of nerve. The smallness of the casualty figures in the table should not obscure the actual weight of the onslaught in relation to the size of the target. There are towns in this list whose death rate from bombing is as great as that of inner London at the end of all its long ordeal. Yet it almost goes without saying that the life of every one of them has been steadily maintained and their spirit has been exemplary."

The first chapter, "The Approach to the Battle," tells the story of the events leading up to the London blitz.

"The Battle of Britain," it states, "began over the sea on 8th August, over land on 10th August. The first bombing attacks made on ports in substantial force were both costly and unproductive. On 12th August the enemy turned his attack to the southern aerodromes, with some later attention to ports and aircraft factories, and began those sallies towards London that culminated on 7th September. . . .

Aerodromes Hammered.

"Noise filled the whole expanse of sky above the Kentish fields—the vibrating hum of engines and the rattle of machine-guns, sometimes high and faint, but sometimes loud and near, as an unattended Nazi fighter saw civilians on the ground and came down to practice what he had been taught. The land girls took their hands from the plough for long enough to put on their steel helmets and carried on. The tractor drivers worked in pairs, facing opposite ways across the field, for their engines drowned the noise of planes, and if they were to be machine-gunned they wanted warning. As the bombers hammered at our aerodromes, cows were slaughtered in the nearby meadows and the craters multiplied hourly. . . .

"There were tragic happenings in the frontier counties, inviolate since Hastings, and there was magnificent courage on the ground as well as in the air. The Civil Defence services had work to do among the wrecked streets and farmhouses; and they had the honour of some direct part in the Battle of Britain itself. Firemen of Kent Sussex and Surrey had heath and forest fires to fight, house fires, ship fires in Dover and Ramsgate harbours, fires in crashed aeroplanes. But the aerodromes mattered most; the fires upon them numbered scores and hundreds, big and small, and to fight them under bombing became almost a matter of routine. At Manston late in August, firemen fought fires in hangars and stores for two days and nights on end. Both then and afterwards they had some stern tests under the dive-bombing of that much-battered airfield. Ambulance and rescue workers also shared some of the hazards of the R.A.F. on aerodromes all the way from the coast to the London outskirts."

BUS NEWS No. 3

Reductions will be made in late evening and Sunday morning Bus Services on the following routes on and from Wednesday, 9th December, 1942

Service 66
Ramsgate and Deal

Service 74
Sandwich, Ash and Westmarsh

Service 87
Dover and Ramsgate

Service 68
Ramsgate and Aylesham will be revised on and from Saturday, 5th December, 1942

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25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Before daybreak on Thursday a German raid was carried out by 25 aeroplanes. They attacked in seven groups, the object of the first two detachments being apparently to draw and exhaust the gunfire of our defences. These tactics failed, although five or six of the invading machines finally succeeded in penetrating the defences. Two of them were brought down and their crews captured. Berlin reported that London, Sheerness, Gravesend, Chatham, Dover and Margate were bombed.

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There was an interesting ceremony at Pegwell drill ground on Friday, when the Distinguished Conduct Medal won by Cpl. W. E. Sutton, R.F.A., was presented during a parade of troops. The medal was presented by Brig.-Gen. Ovens.

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Mr. G. A. Taylor, of St. Peter's School, has accepted an invitation to join the list of expert gardeners of the Royal Horticultural Society.

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A/B W. A. Randle, eldest son of Mrs. Randle of 7 Chatham-place, Ramsgate, was killed while with a working party a few hundred yards from the German lines. A shell came over and killed him instantly.

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Capt. W. Sebag-Montefiore, 5th Lancers, of East Cliff Lodge, Ramsgate, has been home on leave before proceeding to another theatre of war.

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Lieut. Rumney, only son of Mr. E. A. Rumney, of Ramsgate, who has been on service in India for many months, has left for a war area nearer home.

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Tpr. S. L. Budds, Royal Bucks Hussars, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Budds, of Norton-villas, Minster, has been wounded in both legs while serving in Palestine.

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Cdt. F. Richardson, whose parents live at Herbert-terrace, Broadstairs, has recently been gazetted second-lieutenant. The young soldier, who rose from the ranks, received his entire education at St. Peter's School.

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Dr. J. N. Robins, of Baird's-hill, Broadstairs, has been wounded in the arm and back. He went to the western front after receiving a commission in the R.A.M.C. early in 1915 and has been in the thick of the Cambrai fighting.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

STATE OF CRIME

Chief Constable Buss has presented to Ramsgate Watch Committee his 23rd annual report of the state of crime. The returns compare very favourably with former years and from a comparison between the number of apprehensions and summonses it is clearly shown that the police have been carrying out their duty faithfully in not bringing forward charges without reasonable grounds for proceedings. The number of indictable offences dealt with during the year was 20, an increase of eight over the previous year. Persons proceeded against summarily numbered 354 and of these 323 were convicted, seven being whipped. Altogether 55 thefts were reported. There are 99 fully licensed houses in the borough, making a rate of one to 160 of the inhabitants. Sixty persons were proceeded against for being drunk in the street.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE HONOURED

Under the auspices of the Isle of Thanet Liberal Association a complimentary dinner was given to Mr. Heber L. Hart, the Liberal candidate at the recent election, at Munn's Marina Hall, Margate, on Thursday. The Rev. Dr. G. Banks presided and those present included the Rev. T. Blandford, the Rev. D. Lloyd and Messrs. Ind, Tweedie, W. H. Wills, W. Curling, Wastall, Munn, Padley and Coleman. The chairman presented Mr. Hart with a beautifully executed address and Mr. Hart, in replying, thanked those who had supported him at the recent contest and said that although he had not been successful on that occasion he hoped at some future time to represent them in Parliament.

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Said He Was Being Poisoned

RAMSGATE MAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Stated to have been evacuated with his wife and family from Ramsgate, Ernest Edward Jezard (53), a carpenter, now living at High-street, Newport, Salop, was charged at Stafford on Tuesday with assaulting, beating, wounding and ill-treating Ernest Heatley, of Coton, Gnosall, near Stafford.

Heatley stated that Jezard, with his wife and child, had been lodging at his house for seven months. On the morning of 10th November witness was leaving home to go to work when he saw Jezard, who had left the house shortly before, running back along the road.

He struck witness in the face with a wooden box in which he carried his food, and after he had been knocked to the ground defendant continued to strike him with the box and kick him. Jezard kept shouting "Poisoner" and "Poisonous." Heatley added that he could not account for the attack by Jezard.

Mrs. Heatley said she saw Jezard striking her husband with a box. He was throwing his arms about and saying he was being poisoned.

P/S Hulse said when he saw Jezard and told him of the complaint made against him he said "I hit him with a box but did not kick him. He kicked me after the attack I made on him with the box." Witness added that defendant came to the Gnosall district from Ramsgate about two years ago and he had found him a quiet and inoffensive man. His family said he had suffered from delusions and was a shell-shock case in the last war.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. W. W. Morgan): He was evacuated from Ramsgate and might be suffering from shock from the present war.

Jezard told the bench that Heatley had been spreading false rumours which were detrimental to his character. "I am looked upon as a Nazi and a Communist, and on one occasion I was referred to as a traitor, and being an innocent man I feel it very much," said defendant, who added that Heatley put a German swastika on the lavatory door for his benefit.

Heatley (recalled) declared that he had never said a word about Jezard.

The Chairman (Mr. J. J. Henn) said the bench were taking into consideration defendant's previous good character and he would be bound over in the sum of £20 to be of good behaviour for three years. He would also have to pay the costs, £3 17s. 6d.

The Doctor says—

MEASLES CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS

Measles is a serious disease in very young or weakly children. It kills more children under five every year in this country than any other disease; the most dangerous age is between two and three years.

These deaths are due to the complications of measles, chiefly bronchitis and pneumonia. It is not "necessary" for everyone to have measles—although most people get it sooner or later. Children should never be deliberately exposed to measles, so as to "get it over." What would you feel like if they died?

Comes in Waves.

By all means "trap the germs" by teaching children to use their handkerchiefs: but, apart from this, it is almost impossible to control the spread of measles, which comes in waves every two years or so, because children are most infectious before the rash comes out, when they have only the signs of a chill, such as fever, a running nose and eyes and a dry cough.

A child exposed to infection should be carefully watched and isolated if the slightest signs of a "cold" appear. But if a very young or weakly child is exposed, an injection of "measles serum" will either prevent the development of the disease or cause the attack to be very mild.

So if you have a young baby or a delicate child who has been in contact with children with measles, ask your doctor if he can get some measles serum.

Officially Notifiable.

Since the war, measles and whooping cough have been added to the list of diseases which must be officially notified to the medical officer of health by the doctor in attendance.

DECK CHAIRS REQUISITIONED

The Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) has reported to the Finance Committee of Ramsgate Town Council that formal notice has been received from the Ministry of Works and Planning requisitioning 300 deck chairs and that the necessary claim for compensation would be submitted in due course.

The Council had previously refused voluntarily to surrender the chairs owing to the lowness of the existing stock.

UNCENSORED

ROSALIND RUSSELL AT ODEON

Belgium under the Nazi heel is the grimly topical subject of "Uncensored," chief feature at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

It tells the story of the heroic band of Belgians who, this day, are producing a national paper for loyal Belgian subjects under the nose of the Gestapo. The tension, suspense and risk of execution that accompanies every move of the editorial staff and printers of the paper; the secret methods by which it is distributed; the fanatical fury of the thwarted Huns ransacking Brussels for the gallant publishers; these are the keynotes of "Uncensored." Heading a strong cast are Eric Portman, Phyllis Calvert and Griffith Jones. "Men of Timberland" with Richard Arlen and Andy Devine, is also being shown.

Rosalind Russell and Fred MacMurray make an ideal team in the smart comedy "Green Eyed Woman," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. The lovely and talented Rosalind appears as a successful advertising executive who requires the services of an attractive male secretary, firstly to act as her escort around town, and secondly to pose as her fiance when wives of prospective clients become suspicious of her pursuit of their husbands. Complications develop when Miss Russell, after having engaged MacMurray on the understanding that there shall be no romantic idea on his part, proceeds to fall in love with him. "Doctors Don't Tell," with John Beal and Florence Rice, will also be shown.

MR. GRUMMANT COMES BACK

VOLUNTARY CHIEF WARDEN

It is understood that Mr. A. T. Grummant, who recently retired from the salaried position of Chief Air Raid Warden at Ramsgate, has now returned to his former post in a voluntary capacity.

Mr. Grummant was associated with A.R.P. in Ramsgate at its inception in 1938 and from then until March, 1941, when the post became a salaried one, he was voluntary Chief Air Raid Warden.

The success of the wardens' service in Ramsgate has been primarily due to Mr. Grummant's efforts.

TOWARDS A NEW EDEN

"A time there was, ere England's griefs began, when every rood of land maintained its man," wrote Oliver Goldsmith in the 18th century. For him "the cultivated farm . . . the decent church that topped the neighbouring hill" were things that mattered. Farmer and parson were closely linked, for both were ministers to man; many parish clergy were, in fact, diligent farmers too.

Though dead these 150 years and more, Goldsmith might but recently have been with us, for in a line—"and half a tillage stints thy smiling plain"—he paints the neglected agriculture of our pre-war days. And with the waning of the village went the old intimate link between farm and church. It has taken a world-shaking war to put fresh life into farming and to reforge the link with religion.

Highly significant was the Minister of Agriculture's appearance at the Salisbury Diocesan Conference, when he spoke of the farming life as catering for the whole man, in body, soul and spirit, and of building a new rural civilisation based on a restoration of confidence and modest prosperity to agriculture. The Bishop of Salisbury, who then said that only of late had people begun to perceive that the flight from the land is dangerous to humanity, has since been discussing with farmers and workers the immediate brightening of village life.

The Bishop of Southwell, in his diocesan letter, declared that the primary industry is the agricultural, and that "any civilisation which ignores the land and thinks merely in terms of urban life soon becomes decadent and artificial. We understand now, as we did not before, that the town depends on the country even for its physical existence."

The Archbishop of York pleads for closer contact between town and country. In normal times, suggests the Bishop of Salisbury, town-dwellers should make organised pilgrimages to village churches when the various land festivals are held. What is more, he told country parsons that they could do much to restore the reputation of rural craftsmen, giving them back that feeling of pride in their work that was in danger of being lost in a world predominantly urban in outlook.

MR. HENRY WAYMOUTH

DEATH OF FORMER BROADSTAIRS COUNCILLOR

The cremation took place at Bournemouth of Mr. Henry Waymouth, who was at one time a member of Broadstairs Council.

For many years Mr. Waymouth was principal of the High School, Stone-road, Broadstairs, and he left the town with his wife 15 years ago to open a school in Bournemouth.

Although 86 years of age, he continued teaching French until last June, when he retired from the profession owing to failing health.

In Broadstairs he was keenly interested in local affairs and was one of the founders of the old Residents' Association. During its existence he gained a seat on the Council as a representative of the Central Ward, narrowly defeating Mr. William Cantwell. For several years Mr. Waymouth served on the committee of the water sports and the Old People's Entertainment Committee and was also a member of Broadstairs Club.

C.D. PETROL CONSUMPTION

By comparison with the previous month, petrol consumed by Ramsgate Civil Defence and allied services vehicles during October was less by 32 gallons, but was 41 gallons in excess of the month of August.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee, approved at a meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, stated "The increase over the August figure is attributable to the time of year."

CRIME AND DRAMA

BETTE DAVIS AT KING'S

Dramatising the efficiency of scientific crime detection, "Kid Glove Killer," starring Van Heflin and Marsha Hunt, is being shown at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

With Heflin enacting the police chemist, Miss Hunt as his assistant and Lee Bowman as the villain, the story opens with the drowning of the newly-elected district attorney and from that point action develops rapidly with well sustained interest. It depicts the underworld hold on political corruption, with the resultant crusade against intimidation, graft and murder. Contrastingly humorous is the supporting film, "So's Your Aunt Emma," featuring Zasu Pitts and Roger Pryor.

"In This Our Life," the chief attraction for the last half of the week, is one of the year's most poignant dramas. Presenting a brilliant cast with Bette Davis, Olivia de Havilland, Dennis Morgan and George Brent in the leading parts, it is set in the southern states where a once proud family have lost much of their prestige due to the financial manipulations of one of its members. Bette is a capricious, inconsiderate girl who believes her own happiness is the only thing that counts. But she never gains that happiness. Her own striving for the unattainable brings unhappiness to her and everyone with whom she comes in contact.

NOT ENOUGH PEP

The report of the Health Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that the Public Analyst reported that a sample of extra strong mint sweets, taken for analysis, contained only about one-tenth of the amount of oil of peppermint that could be found in good samples of "extra strong."

The Senior Sanitary Inspector reported that he was taking up the matter with the vendor and the Ministry of Food.

RAMSGATE SAILOR MISSING

A son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, of 1 Richmond-road, Ramsgate, Ldg.-Stkr. Douglas Smith, R.N., has been reported missing, presumed killed.

Ldg.-Stkr. Smith was 24 years of age and before joining up was employed as a mechanic at Messrs. Arter's Garage, Broad-street, Ramsgate.

MORE CIVIL DEFENCE CUTS

EFFICIENCY CHIEF CONSIDERATION

Further cuts are being made in the personnel of Ramsgate Civil Defence services.

The Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler) has reported to the Civil Defence Committee of the Town Council that the following reductions in whole-time personnel remain to be made in order to attain the authorised minimum establishments: wardens 21, first aid parties 7, ambulance and first aid posts 10, report and control centre 3.

Personnel to be released are to be allowed to take any leave for which they may have qualified and if they are offered work during the period they are under notice they will be released immediately.

Arrangements are to be made for the substitution of part-time for whole-time personnel in accordance with Home Office instructions.

When the matter came before the Council on Thursday, Councillor J. B. Butler asked for information as to the discharge of the men.

A Month's Grace.

Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said the matter first came before them in the spring in order that members of the C.D. services could make a more active contribution to the general war effort. Since then release of personnel had been proceeding and had been coming down from 276 towards the new maximum of 158. So far no one had been dismissed on account of the Home Office circular. Those who had left had only done so because the Ministry of Labour could utilise their services. The Council had now been given a month to bring the figures down to the new maximum.

The principle on which they were working, said Councillor Samuel, was that personnel whose services, because of their trade, were most in demand by the Ministry of Labour, would be released first.

In view of the big reduction they had been called on to make, an important question to be considered was efficiency and those remaining must be thoroughly efficient and able to carry out the work in the best possible way. Considerations involved were their knowledge of the work, including their physical condition, and the committee had instructed the officers in releasing personnel to have regard to their personal circumstances. There was a certain amount of heartburning among personnel but he thought the Council would agree that it was the only fair way of arranging it.

The Over 60's.

Councillor Butler said the statement made by the chairman did not wholly corroborate what he had heard for he knew of two men who had been given their notices. Both had local liabilities and unfortunately both were a little older than he was, although they were just as efficient. He did not think it right that younger men should be retained and men of 60 discharged.

Councillor Mrs. H. L. Nicholson said she knew of one man who had received notice who joined the wardens' service before it was a paid organisation.

Councillor Samuel said that so far as he could speak for the members of his committee, he was quite prepared to give an assurance that no one would be discharged simply because he was over 60. The paramount consideration was efficiency. He had asked to see the list of those likely to be discharged and he found it was a provisional list only and no one had yet been given notice, although some might have been told that they would probably have to go. The provisional list included six people between the ages for 40 and 50, seven between the ages of 51 and 60 and eight over 60. He was satisfied from the information he had received that those who were going were not the most efficient in the service. When they had 276 personnel they could afford to be a little less particular, but efficiency was now the paramount consideration.

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BELLEVUE CLEARANCE AREA

RAMSGATE COUNCIL PURCHASE PROPOSAL

Ramsgate Town Council are to apply for permission to borrow the sum of £502 for the purchase of the site of Bellevue-cottages Clearance Area No. 13 and adjoining lands.

The formal consent of the Ministry of Health to purchase the site was issued in August, 1939, but the Council subsequently decided to defer purchase until the termination of the war.

The owner of the land has now approached the Council to know whether they are desirous of purchasing the land, as he has received another offer for it.

The Borough Surveyor (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) reported to the Finance Committee that in view of the situation of the land he recommended that it should be acquired by the Council.

In view of the lapse of time since the formal sanction by the Ministry of Health, fresh consent to purchase must be obtained from the Ministry.

TAYLOR—COWELL

RAMSGATE SOLDIER WEDS

The bride had four attendants when the wedding took place at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Thursday, of Pte. Reginald Charles Taylor, R.E.M.E., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Taylor, of 63 Dane Park-road, Ramsgate, and Miss Constance Emily Cowell, only daughter of Mrs. Cowell and the late Mr. W. Cowell, of Ramsgate and St. Lawrence Dispensary.

Given away by her brother, Mr. Jack Cowell, who was wearing his A.T.C. uniform, the bride wore a dress of white satin and lace with veil and orange blossom and she carried a shower bouquet of red carnations.

The bridesmaids were Miss Florence Keeler, Miss Mary Goldfinch, Miss Christine Gonn and Miss Winnie Goldfinch, the dresses of the former two being mauve and of the latter salmon pink. They carried bouquets of mauve chrysanthemums and posies.

Mr. Thomas Taylor, brother of the bridegroom, was best man and the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) conducted the service, which was followed by a reception at St. George's Parish Hall.

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Library Issues.—During October 8,732 books were issued from Ramsgate Public Library as compared with 6,462 for the corresponding month last year.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

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Christmas Entertainment.—Ramsgate Town Council have authorised a contribution equivalent to 1s. per child in the reception area for the purpose of Christmas entertainment for evacuated children.

Town Clerk's Loss.—Ramsgate Town Council have expressed their deep sympathy with the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) and Mrs. Curtis in the loss of their son, Lt. J. F. Curtis, who was killed in action in the Battle of Egypt.

Allotments Sub-Committee.—Messrs. C. Cullen, J. K. Massey and A. J. Taylor, representing Ramsgate and District Horticultural Society, have been co-opted to the Allotments Standing Sub-Committee of Ramsgate Town Council.

St. George's Organist.—Mr. Ernest J. Yeo has been appointed organist of St. George's Church, Ramsgate, in succession to Miss Janet G. Poulden, L.R.A.M., whose service duties have taken her away from the town. At a social in St. George's Parish Hall Miss Poulden was presented by members of the choir with a cheque for £10 and a carriage clock.

Twenty-Five Years' Service.—P/S F. Rogers, who completed 25 years' service with Ramsgate Borough Police Force on 30th October, has been assured of the pension to which he is entitled under the Police Pensions Acts. Owing to ill-health, First Police Reserve Roberson has retired from the force and rateable deductions amounting to £29 2s. are to be returned to him.

Cliff Erosion.—A fall of cliff, caused mainly by erosion, has occurred on the Western Promenade at Ramsgate, near to the westerly side of the West Cliff Theatre. The Town Council have consented to a scheme, the cost of which is estimated at £800, for the execution of works of repair and strengthening, so designed as to avoid any lessening of the width of the existing promenade.

Another C.E.M.A. Concert.—Another of the popular C.E.M.A. concerts is to be given at the Congregational Hall, Ramsgate, on Thursday. The artistes are the Griller Quartet—Sidney Griller, Philip Burton, Jack O'Brien and Colin Hampton—and the programme will include Haydn's Quartet in D major, op. 76, No. 5, Schubert's Quartet in A minor, op. 29, and Dvorak's Quartet in F major, op. 96.

C.D. Social.—Members of Ramsgate's Civil Defence services held the first social gathering at their newly-formed club at Wellstood House on Tuesday. The artistes included Mrs. Parsons, Mr. H. W. Waters, Miss Dilys Browning, Mr. Stan Parker, Mrs. Pilcher, Mr. W. Maxted, Miss Pamela Duckett and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Browning. Refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Acott and Mrs. Edwards.

TRANSPORT FOR CHILDREN

Ramsgate Town Council have authorised the use of Civil Defence vehicles for the transport of children between Dame Janet and Christ Church schools and the British Restaurant at Ellington School in connection with the provision of meals for the children at the restaurant.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS EXTENSIONS

At the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, 14 licensees at Broadstairs and St. Peter's were granted extensions of the permitted hours on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day until 11 p.m.

The application was made by Mr. A. Finch, secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Retail Protection Society, and Inspr. Hann said there was no objection from the police.

DEATH OF MR. W. P. FOLLAND

The cremation took place at Norwood last week of Mr. William Philip Folland, one of the founders of the Kingsgate Lodge of Freemasons, who formerly resided at 87 Beacon-road, Broadstairs.

Mr. Folland was a schoolmaster and he left Broadstairs shortly after the outbreak of war. Eighty-three years of age, he had held the office of secretary of the Kingsgate Lodge of Freemasons.

MINSTER.

Fit to Live In.—Reporting at Tuesday's meeting of Minster Council on matters dealt with at the last meeting of Eastry Rural District Council, Councillor the Rev. Father T. A. Keniry referred to six houses in the village that had been suspected of being unfit for human habitation. He said that the Eastry Council had decided that three of them could be made fit for habitation. If repairs were carried out they could be inhabited until the end of the war, although in normal times they would have been demolished

PERSONAL.

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Our Countryside is in Danger

PROPOSALS TO BANISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

By a Countryman

There is an uneasy feeling spreading throughout our English countryside that a grave danger is threatening, a danger from inside, not perhaps as great as the totalitarian menace from outside, but just as real.

This cloud is beginning to shadow many phases of country life, and to discourage voluntary service to the community, which has been the secret of our organisation as a democracy. It is due to a feeling hateful to every English man and woman—that there is a desire by bureaucrats to run our affairs for us.

There has—very necessarily—been a great deal of interference with personal liberty since the beginning of the war, but with these we cheerfully bear for they are essential to the nation's safety. But an idea is getting round the countryside that some people are planning to keep this power of interference alive when the war is over. They feel that there is a movement on foot to filch from the country people the liberties they enjoyed as Englishmen before the war, filch from them the powers of rural and urban district councils and concentrate them in big centres and in officialdom.

An Anomaly.

This is surely one of the anomalies of a chaotic time, that the very liberties which we are fighting so hard to defend should be in danger from people in our own country. "Regionalise!" is the slogan in which the danger lies, and those who would benefit by regionalisation eagerly lend their support.

There have been hundreds of big jobs sprung on the countryside in this war. I need but mention evacuation to illustrate what I mean. Then there are the A.R.P. and the A.F.S. to organise, then rationing, fire-guards, water supplies, British restaurants, salvage, war savings and a host of other things came—or rather were presented to us by authorities who, incidentally, would often have had difficulty in saying off-hand in which part of the country we lived.

They didn't know, or care, for instance, that Sarah Jones could not move with rheumatism, or that the water in Tom Smith's well was foul, or that Jack Robinson's farm was not fit to grow wheat or any other useful crop. Neither rheumatism, bad water nor gravel sub soil appeared on their paper plans of how things should be.

"Parish councils and rural district councils are too small for national efficiency" these planners say. Doesn't it strike them that, as these country bodies did an enormous war job, when they were to a large extent unprepared, it would be possible that they could equally well carry out the big job of peace-time settling, for which they have had time and experience to prepare? Would it be better done by some theorists 50 miles away?

Many Dangers.

The dangers of combining individual districts of England into large areas are many. Each district would lose its individuality in a large area, whose only reason for existence would be that it could be enclosed by beautifully straight lines on a map.

We have our local governing bodies, our parish and our rural district councils, which we elect ourselves and which we know. Are we to scrap all this local initiative, this voluntary effort, this zeal for the well-being of the community as a whole, in order to substitute a bloodless bureaucratic machine?

I think the answer from the countryside, tired to death of officialdom in a long war, will be clear and unmistakable. At the same time, the very fact that local authorities are so concerned, very properly, with their own affairs to the exclusion of general politics, means that there is a danger that they will fail to realise the gravity of this threat to their existence in time to do anything about it.

My last word, therefore, is an appeal to rural district and parish councils not to pigeon-hole the issue, but to keep it on their agendas regularly at meetings during the next two years, so that no opportunity is lost of taking every step possible to join in concentrated efforts to protect our countryside from bureaucracy.

BROADSTAIRS

St. Peter's Burials.—Six people were buried at St. Peter's between 21st October and 10th November and their average age was 72, the two oldest being 83 and the youngest 63.

A Temporary Measure.—Broadstairs Council are seeking permission to erect at the Broadway, at an estimated cost of £120, temporary conveniences to replace those severely damaged by enemy action and subsequently demolished.

Prisoners of War Week.—As a result of a whist drive held at Haddon Dene School, Broadstairs, organised by Miss O. M. Vyse, a sum of £7 10s. 6d. was raised for the National Prisoners of War Week. Councillor B. Humphrey was M.C.

Savings.—National savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's for the week ended 28th November amounted to £1,526 and comprised deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £556, savings certificates £420, defence bonds £350, 3 per cent. savings bonds £200.

Road Foreman's Holiday.—The road foreman to Broadstairs Council has been informed that the Council are not prepared to give him two weeks' pay in lieu of the three weeks' holiday due to him, and the Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) has been instructed to arrange for him to take the holiday.

Funeral of Mrs. D. A. Spillett.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's last week of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Spillett, of 95a High-street, Broadstairs, who died at the age of 46 years. Her only son is serving with the R.A.F. in the Middle East. For many years Mrs. Spillett was a widow. The Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie officiated at the graveside.

Maximum Salaries.—Messrs. S. W. Eyles, H. Legg, W. H. Lewin, of the Treasurer's Department, and H. S. Price, of the Surveyor's Department, have been informed by Broadstairs Council in reply to their joint application that the salaries now paid to them are the maximum which the Council are prepared to pay and when the salaries were increased in August regard was had to the increased cost of living.

Good Templary.—Games and competitions provided plenty of fun at the weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Miss B. Whiteley, the Vice-Templar, welcomed the visiting deputy, Mr. L. Parker, who presided, and fraternal greetings and messages were received from the Thanet Templar Convention, Advance, Isle of Thanet and Sunbeam Lodges. Sig. H. McCabe, Pte. J. Lowe, Gnr. R. H. Whiteley and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vass. Mrs. H. Whiteley, the lodge chaplain, conducted an intercession service, solos were rendered by Mrs. B. A. Lowe, with Mrs. R. A. Watt at the piano, and Mr. Parker was thanked for arranging the competitions and giving the prizes.

NO PRICE INCREASE

PIERREMONT RESTAURANT MEALS

Broadstairs Council are informing the War-time Meals Officer for the South-Eastern Division, Ministry of Food, that they do not share the opinion of the Ministry that an improvement of the trading accounts of Pierremont Restaurant would be effected by increasing the price of meals, and they are not prepared to make any further increase at the present time.

In a letter to the British Restaurants Committee of the Council the War-time Meals Officer stated that if and when the question arose of actual reimbursement of losses incurred in the operation of a British Restaurant, the matter would be considered on its merits and that the Ministry had no intention of departing from their undertaking to reimburse unavoidable losses incurred in unforeseen circumstances, but were unable to give a decision on a hypothetical case.

For the four weeks to 24th October there was a trading surplus at Pierremont Restaurant of £6 17s. 3d. and from 24th October to 21st November the profit was a surplus of £2 18s. 3d.

At Monday's meeting of the Council, Councillor H. Bing asked if they could be given the reasons why the committee could not accept the suggestion of the Ministry that the price of meals should be increased.

Wise Decision.

Councillor B. Humphrey said that in the accounts for the four weeks ended 21st November, in which there was a surplus of £2 18s. 3d., there was a non-recurring item of £3 17s. 6d. for printing and advertising, and the surplus the previous month was over £6. The committee had these figures before them when they considered the Ministry's suggestion.

They began by charging 8d. for adults and 4d. for children, these charges were increased to 9d. and 5d. and there was then a third increase for meals for adults to 10½d. In view of the fact that there was now a surplus he thought the committee were wise in their decision not further to increase the charges. He thought that if the price was increased it would adversely affect the number of meals served.

Councillor G. W. Lane said there were few British Restaurants in the country to-day doing as well as the Pierremont Restaurant. They were taking steps to effect economies which should further improve the financial position.

Councillor Bing said he was not quite satisfied that it was a business proposition. It cost for food alone 5d. for a meal, and establishment charges worked out at 4½d. Every meal supplied cost them 9½d. and they charged 10½d. to adults. But to children they served 401 meals at 5d. and they cost the same to produce as adults' meals. These meals were costing the committee between 4d. and 4½d. each. He suggested that the matter should be referred back with an instruction that the charge for adults should be increased to 11d.

Committee's Full Powers.

The Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said the British Restaurants Committee was appointed with full powers so he could not accept Councillor Bing's proposition, although he was quite in order in stating his point of view.

Councillor S. W. Fright said they had done everything in their power to make the restaurant self-supporting and he thought still further improvements would be shown without increasing prices.

Councillor E. K. Minter said he did not think fewer people would use the restaurant because the price was increased by a half-penny but Councillor Humphrey replied that it was a fact that numbers had fallen off with each successive increase in price which had been made. The deficit was being gradually, steadily and irrevocably reduced.

The Council have given permission for their cook-supervisor (Mrs. F. Mills) to attend meetings of supervisors arranged by the Ministry of Food to discuss matters of common interest and have suggested to the Ministry that a meeting of representatives of local authorities operating British Restaurants in this part of the country be convened for the purpose of discussing questions of policy and matters of interest relating to British Restaurants.

COUNCILLOR'S THREAT

WANTS LESS PETROL USED

A threat that he would communicate with the Petroleum Board if a certain official did not use his car less was made by Councillor J. B. Butler at last week's meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

Councillor Butler said he was pleased to see that less petrol was used by Civil Defence vehicles in October for during the few preceding months the tendency had been towards an increase.

He was still not satisfied, said Councillor Butler, that certain officials were doing their best to economise in the use of petrol. He had previously stated that if they did not use their cars less he would name them.

"I do not want to do that," continued Councillor Butler, "but I give fair warning that if my observations have not had effect by next month I shall not name the official concerned but pass the matter on to the Petroleum Board. I have noticed one car repeatedly—it bears my old regimental number—and it has caused me to make enquiries."

Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said that with the arrival of winter more petrol must be used for warming up the cars so that they could be ready at a moment's notice, but instructions had been given that it should be kept down to the minimum.

FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL

HOTELS ASK FOR HELP

Unless some support is forthcoming there is a danger that hundreds of hotels in restricted resorts may be unable to open after the war.

Initiated by four men representing Margate, Great Yarmouth, Folkestone and Hastings, an Hotels and Catering Industries Survival Movement has been formed and its aim is to gain support for hotel and restaurant proprietors who have temporarily been deprived of their livelihood.

The movement represents 10,000 hotels.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN AND WOMEN

Thirty-nine men from Kent at a prisoners of war camp in Germany have formed a link with their home county. The secretary of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men has received cards and letters from them stating that they have formed a branch of the organisation with the object of exchanging home news and increasing their knowledge of the county. The members include B/S/M G. Brown of 150 High-street, Ramsgate, J. Feaver, of 3 Nixon-avenue, Ramsgate, and Sgt. N. H. Coates, of 39 Addington-street, Margate. The men have asked if books can be sent to them which will help them to know Kent better and so far as is possible the association is answering their request.

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Another Ramsgate man who took part in the combined operations in North Africa is Hospital Attendant Fred Brown, of 50 Upper Dumpton Park-road, who is home on ten days' leave. He was serving in a troopship and speaking of the operations he paid special tribute to the lads who "ferried" the invasion barges from the ships to the shore in a rough sea. "Their spirit was wonderful," he said, "and while they were carrying out their difficult task I heard them singing 'The white cliffs of Dover'." In peace-time Fred used to call at Oran while cruising but now he has seen the port under very different conditions. As a souvenir of the "trip" he has brought home some American and British money that is circulating in North Africa. The "Tommies" and the "Doughboys," he says, get on very well together and always share their cigarettes.

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George Arthur Greenman, only son of Inspr. H. G. H. and Mrs. Greenman, of 8 Royal-road, Ramsgate, has gained a commissioned rank as sub-lieutenant in the Royal Navy. His father is well known in Ramsgate as the local representative of the R.S.P.C.A. Sub-Lt. Greenman was educated at St. Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester, and in his early days was associated with the Sea Scouts. He served in the Merchant Navy before joining the Metropolitan Police Force in 1931 and in February, 1941, he joined the R.N.V.R., quickly gaining the rank of petty officer. On coastal patrol duties he helped in many rescues of airmen who had baled out and he was also engaged in the Dieppe operations.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Thanet A.T.C. Squadron was visited last week by Group-Capt. C. F. Gordon, commandant for the South-Eastern Region, A.T.C. After going to Ramsgate and Minster he arrived at the Pettman Central School, Margate, where he talked to the members on parade and told them they were the airmen of to-morrow. "Some of you," he said, "will become air crews but those who do not fly need not be disappointed for the ground staff is as important as air crews."

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Second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kingston, of Rutland-gardens, Margate, now living at Aylesbury, Bucks, Noel R. Kingston has joined the Navy and is serving as an ordinary seaman in H.M.S. Balsam. Previously he was chief warden at Weston Turville, near Aylesbury.

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A commission has been granted to Frederick G. Redman, serving with the R.A.S.C., who was a journalist at Margate until joining up two years ago. He has successfully completed a course at an O.C.T.U. in Egypt. Nearly a year ago he went overseas as a lance-corporal and was in Palestine for some time before being posted to G.H.Q., Cairo.

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Dvr. Harold J. V. Marsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Marsh, of Durban-road, Margate, is serving in Scotland with the R.E.M.E. His brother, Sgt. Norman Marsh, R.A.F., who was employed by a Margate photographic company, is now in New Delhi.

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Mr. Maurice Frank Dines, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Dines, of 195 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, left on Monday to train as a telegraphist in the Royal Navy. An old boy of Chatham House School and 18 years of age, he had been employed since August last year as a newspaper reporter at Margate.

MARGATE

License Transfer.—The license of the Rodney Inn, Garlinge, has been transferred from Mr. J. W. King to Mr. T. E. Gullett, who has previously held licenses in London.

Hotel Change.—Margate magistrates have approved the transfer of the license of the Grand Hotel from Messrs. C. E. M. Emmerson and C. Pero to Mr. Isodore Goldberg, a representative of the new owners. Mr. Goldberg was a costing clerk employed by Allied Suppliers Ltd., fruit pulp pressers, of Bermondsey.

Mr. James Price.—The death has occurred at Salisbury of Mr. James Price, formerly of Northdown Park-road, Margate, where he carried on business as a greengrocer for many years. Ninety-one years of age, Mr. Price was associated with the Methodist Church for a long time. The Minister (the Rev. W. T. Sharpley) conducted the funeral service at Hawley-square Methodist Church and an address in appreciation of Mr. Price's services to the church was given by the Rev. F. Ellis, a former minister at Margate.

Death of Mr. P. E. Weymouth.—Mr. Percy Edward Weymouth, who died at a Staffordshire hospital last week, was for 41 years in the service of Margate Education Committee. He commenced teaching at Holy Trinity School and in 1913 was appointed manual training instructor but it was not until after the war that a handicraft and gardening centre was established. With the reorganisation of the schools four years ago he was attached to the staff of the Pettman Central School and retired in 1940. He was 64 years of age.

BUFFS CASUALTIES

The latest list includes the following Buffs casualties:

Died of wounds—2nd-Lt. D. H. Hurry.

Wounded—L/Sgt. A. J. Luchford, Cpls. R. T. A. Goodall, S. T. M. Ingram, L/Cpl. R. T. Yeates, Ptes. H. T. Adams, R. P. Crick, G. Fox, J. H. Prandy, R. A. Stevens and E. H. C. Thorn.

WINGS FOR VICTORY

RAMSGATE'S SAVINGS PRAISED

TRIBUTE TO FRONT-LINE TOWNS

Having helped the Army through War Weapons Week and the Royal Navy through Warship Week, the 1943 savings campaign is to assist the Royal Air Force through Wings for Victory Week.

In Thanet the Ramsgate week will be held from 8th-15th May, in Margate from 19th-26th June and in Broadstairs from 26th June to 3rd July.

Reference to the campaign was made by Mr. E. L. Bowley, Savings Commissioner for the South-Eastern Region, when he attended a meeting of Ramsgate Savings Committee at Clarendon House on Friday.

In the absence on Council business of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the meeting was presided over by Alderman W. Hawkins.

In his report the joint organising secretary (Mr. H. E. Wright) said that after Warship Week the committee concentrated on the formation of street groups and splendid support had been received. In this work the savings centre had been of great assistance and up to 30th September just over £6,600 had been taken at the centre.

Over a Hundred Groups.

The number of groups in the town was now over 100 (97 affiliated) and comprised 34 in places of employment, nine in schools, 44 street groups and 10 in special organisations. Of these all the street groups and 16 others had been formed since War Weapons Week. In the school groups the membership was about 50 per cent. of the children attending the schools.

The total group membership in the town at 30th September was 3,371, about 23 per cent. of the town's population, which compared quite well with the country as a whole. The total savings of the town from 1st January, 1940, up to the end of November this year amounted to £863,055, so the million mark was now within sight.

Referring to the Tanks for Attack campaign, Mr. Wright said that for its efforts Ramsgate would have a tank named after it. They wished it the best of luck and good hunting. To maintain interest until Wings for Victory Week the committee had set each group the task of increasing its savings by 20 per cent. during the next six months.

"It will be seen, therefore," stated the report, "that our supporters are going all out to make Ramsgate's war savings effort a handsome one, despite the handicap of being in an evacuation area.

Lending For Victory.

After paying tribute to all the helpers, Mr. Wright concluded: "In 1940-41 we were 'Lending to Defend,' in 1942 we have been 'Lending to Attack,' and in 1943 we are going to organise 'Lending for Victory.'"

The meeting paid tribute to Mr. Wright's services and also to those of Mr. H. H. Prestedge, who has succeeded Mr. S. H. Winter as joint organising secretary.

Mr. Bowley said he was visiting Ramsgate to convey the congratulations of the President of the National Savings Committee, Lord Kindersley, upon the very fine achievement of the town in the savings campaign. Those who lived in inland towns where conditions were not like they were at Ramsgate felt very humble. Here they seemed to have developed a spirit which was the spirit which was going to win the war. They had seen more of the war than people from inland towns and when he came to a place like Ramsgate and saw how much they had suffered, how many people had left them and how trade had gone to pieces, he was astonished to find they had succeeded in financial matters in more than pulling their weight compared with other places.

In encouraging small savings, said Mr. Bowley, they were making not only a valuable contribution to the war but to the peace. They had been training people to lend their money to the state until such time after the war as they needed to spend it. This money saved now would be spent at a time when the nation would be trying to get the wheels of industry turning again for the production of those little comforts to which they were accustomed before war began. The work of reconstruction would be enormously helped by the fact that people had put their money by.

Gilding the Lily.

After paying a tribute to all the officials, Mr. Bowley praised the groups and said that if they succeeded in a 20 per cent. increase during the winter it would almost be "gilding the lily."

Referring to the fact that Ramsgate's Wings for Victory Week would be held in May, Mr. Bowley said it was a merry month and he hoped they would enjoy themselves and succeed in reaching the target which they would set. One of the objects of the week would be to focus the attention of the large saver in the savings campaign.

If during the week the town reached its target, the Air Ministry would present it with its "wings." It would be an emblem or token which would be kept in the town hall or some public place to remind the people of the efforts made by the civilian population of Ramsgate on the financial front.

As their target they would be asked to translate into cash terms some unit of the Royal Air Force. They might decide on a squadron of fighters, a squadron of bombers, or some fighters and some bombers. They might even decide on a balloon barrage.

If they decided on bombers a log book would be kept of that particular kind of machine. The log book would describe the work of the particular squadron or unit. The log would eventually come to the town and be kept as a memento of Wings for Victory Week.

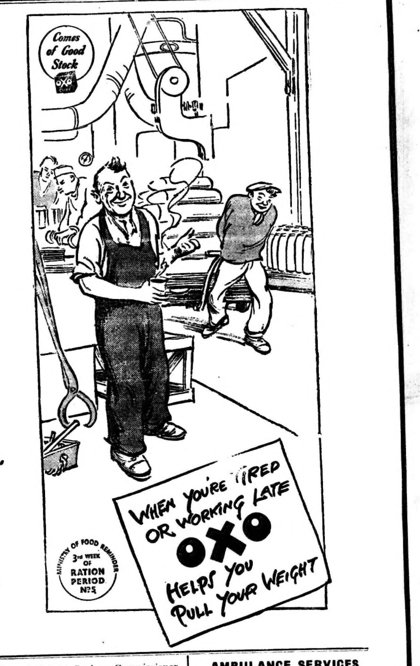
No Relaxation.

As the Prime Minister said recently, they might allow themselves a measure of optimism but there must be no relaxation of effort. They must, however optimistic they might be, still fight a total war against an enemy who was as yet undefeated, not only on the field, but at home. They were asked to keep at it until victory was finally won, and then to relax.

"We are thrilled at the fine results from towns so close to the enemy," concluded Mr. Bowley. "We think it is marvellous that you have kept going."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Bowley, who was accompanied by Mr. E. Jackling, Assistant Savings Commissioner, was proposed by Mr. W. W. Wetherill and seconded by Councillor F. C. Miller.

The officials elected were: president, the Mayor; vice-president, Alderman Hawkins; general secretary, the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis); joint organising secretaries, Mr. Wright and Mr. Prestedge; treasurer, Mr. R. J. L. Clean; committee, Mr. W. W. Wetherill, Mr. J. H. Robinson, Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Mrs. D. V. Farnsworth, Rev. Harcourt Samuel, Mr. D. M. Hughes, Mrs. E. F. Carthew, Mrs. J. M. Barton, Mr. T. B. H. Tisdell, Miss A. E. R. Ouzman, Miss E. M. England, Mr. W. R. K. Liddell, Mrs. H. W. Aubury, Councillor F. C. Miller, Mr. W. Edis, Mr. S. England, Mr. J. A. Morgan, Mr. L. Rengert, Mr. W. Holloway, Mr. S. W. Smith, Miss P. Hallums, Rev. S. B. Green, Mrs. A. M. Morgan, Mr. F. E. C. Marshall and Councillor D. J. R. Smith.



OVER £100

PRISONERS OF WAR COLLECTION AT RAMSGATE

Saturday's flag day at Ramsgate in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War Organisation was a great success and a total of £103 10s. 0½d. was collected.

In addition to this sum, £2 3s. 1½d. was realised as a result of whist drives held during the week.

The Mayoress (Mrs. Kempe), who organised the effort with the assistance of the Mayor's secretary (Mrs. Peete), wishes to thank all collectors for their willing help.

The collectors and amounts were:

Mrs. Todd, £6 7s.; Mrs. Nicholls, £4 18s. 8½d.; Mrs. Adams, £4 9s. 9d.; Miss Lednor, £3 18s 8d.; Mrs. Neeves, £3 15s.; Mrs. Neep, £3 13s. 6½d.; Mrs. Halls, £3 9s. 10½d.; Mrs. May, £3 4s. 2d.; Mrs. Janes, £3 0s. 7d.; Fire Station, Northwood, £2 18s. 6d.; Miss Howells, £2 6s. 10d.; Mrs. Taylor, £2 6s.; Mrs. Thom, £2 4s. 4½d.; Mrs. Pook, £2 4s. 4d.; Miss Foster, £2 3s. 1d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £2 2s. 3d.; Mrs. Blinko, £1 17s. 9d.; Mrs. Hogwood, £1; Miss Howells, £1 17s. 5d.; Miss Tappenden, £1 6s. 8½d.; Cdt. Philpot, £1 0s. 3d.; Nurse Stacey, £1 18s. 7d.; Nurse Tilley, £1 0s. 0½d.; Nurse Bannister, £1 7s. 4½d.; Mrs. Howard, £1 0s. 4½d.; Miss Fenn, £1 2s. 8d.; Miss LeGallais, £1 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Baker, £1 14s. 7½d.; Mrs. Young, £1 5s. 4d.; Mrs. Britton, £1 13s. 9d.; Mrs. Cole, £1 7s. 0½d.; Mrs. Shelton, £1 18s. 3d.; Miss Carr, £1 4s. 11½d.; Scouts Latter and Rolfe, £1 14s. 6½d.; Mrs. Weymouth, £1 7s. 4d.; Cdt. Phillips, £1 5s. 10d.; Mr. Saxby, £1 9s. 8½d.; Mr. Voss, 13s. 2d.; Mrs. Lowe, 10s. 1½d.; Mrs. N. Peete, 13s. 8d.; Sgt. Corfe, 13s. 5d.; Sgt. Pointer, 18s. 4½d.; Sgt. Pointer, 10s. 3½d.; Sgt. Wilson, 10s. 7d.; Fire Station, Effingham-street, 8s. 10½d.; Fire Station, Thanet-road, 2s. 10½d.; Fire Station, St. Lawrence, 5d.; Miss Moys, 5s. 10d.; Mr. Green, 5s. 10d.; Nurses Gunstill and Stanley, 15s. 9½d.; Nurse J. Cooke, 13s. 6½d.; Nurse Inglefield, 12s. 3½d.; Nurse Mason, 1s.; Nurse Byes, 3s. 5½d.; Nurse Meek, 7s. 10d.; Mrs. Snapes, 19s. 2d.; Miss Mettam, 2s. 9d.; Mrs. Wakefield, 17s. 10d.; Mrs. Smith, 9s. 4½d.; Mrs. Lock, 8s. 7d.; Mrs. Kirkaldie, 6s.; Scouts Minter and Goddard, 19s. 3d.; Scout Todd, 16s. 5d.; Miss Thomson, 14s. 6d.; Mrs. Cousins, 18s. 3½d.; Mrs. Bishop, 17s. 3d.; Miss Robinson, 13s. 7d.; Mrs. Siminson, 19s. 2½d.; the Mayor, 17s. 10½d.; Cdt. Watson, 1s. 11d.; Cdt. Boddington, 12s. 3½d.; Cdt. Ready, 7s. 1½d.; Miss Privett, 13s. 7d.; Miss Tappenden (2nd box), 9s. 2d.

BUS SERVICES

The Regional Transport Commissioner has authorised the East Kent Road Car Co. to divert services 66 and 87 via London-road, Ramsgate, which will have the effect of providing facilities for the London-road and Chilton districts.

A petition was submitted to the Commissioner by residents in the Newington and Whitehall-road area asking that facilities should be provided along these roads by the diversion at certain times during the day of services 49 and 49a operating along the Margate-road, but the Commissioner has decided to make no change at the present time.

Ramsgate Council on Thursday decided to ask the Commissioner to reconsider his decision.

AWARD TO BOATMEN

Councillor H. Bing, Broadstairs Council representative on the Charity of William Bevan, has reported to the Council that at a meeting of the charity at Deal in October the sum of £66 10s. was awarded to Deal and Broadstairs boatmen for saving life at sea during the past year.

Of the total £34 10s. went to Broadstairs boatmen.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL TO TAKE CONTROL

Broadstairs Council have agreed, for the period of the war, to take over the home ambulances of the British Red Cross Society stationed in the town.

The report of the Health and Housing Committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Monday, stated that the Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen) reported that for some time past Civil Defence vehicles and personnel had been used to remove sick and injured persons who were other than raid casualties and in addition Civil Defence personnel had been used to man one of the Broadstairs home ambulances from time to time owing to the fact that, through circumstances arising out of the war, no personnel of Detachment 59 of the Kent county branch of the British Red Cross Society were available for that purpose.

It was represented to the Emergency Committee that the existing arrangements would be improved if the British Red Cross home ambulances were taken over by the Council and manned by Civil Defence personnel.

The committee recommended that the ambulances should be taken over for the period of the war, that an ambulance sub-committee consisting of Councillors B. J. Pearson, F. Foster, H. Bing and B. Humphrey be appointed to deal with all questions arising in connection with the operation and maintenance of the ambulances, that the offer of Councillor Bing to act as ambulance co-ordinating officer be accepted and that Civil Defence personnel be employed to man the ambulances, although the Emergency Committee will retain all control over such personnel.

The recommendations were approved without discussion at Monday's meeting of the Council.

Food Control.—Miss E. Wellard has been appointed as the Minster representative on the Eastry Rural District Food Control Committee.

Black-out To-day 5.22 p.m.—8.23 a.m.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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BIRTHS

Holton.—1st December, at Tunbridge Wells, the wife of Thomas F. Holton, of a daughter.

Peebles.—1st December, at Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells, the wife of Cpl. H. Peebles, of the Gordon Highlanders, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Aldred—Tuson.—28th November, at Hale Parish Church, Farnham, Surrey, Pte. William Guy Aldred, Hampshire Regiment, to Eleanor May Tuson, of Margate.

Taylor—Cowell.—3rd December, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Reginald Charles Taylor to Constance Emily Cowell, both of Ramsgate

DEATHS

Goodwin.—30th November, at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Florence A. Goodwin, of 6 Duncan-road, Ramsgate, aged 65 years.

Hammond.—26th November, at 12 St. George's-road, Broadstairs, Sarah Ann Hammond.

Pite.—2nd December, at Herne Common, Gertrude Alice, daughter of the late E. E. Borton and widow of A. R. Pite, of Ramsgate, in her 80th year. Interred at St. Lawrence-in-Thanet.

Spillett.—26th November, at 95a High-street, Broadstairs Dorothy Annie Spillett, aged 46 years.

Weymouth.—30th November, at Hednesford, Staffordshire, Percy Edward Weymouth.

IN MEMORIAM

Read.—In loving memory of Ernest Archibald Read, who passed away on 7th December, 1941.

Many a lonely heartache,
Often a silent tear;
But always a beautiful memory
Of one we loved so dear.
—From his loving wife and sons Charles and Cyril.

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